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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 8-13 as follows:

Generally, in a light receiving element of an optical apparatus, a peripheral light intensity loss as conceptually indicated in FIG. 11 occurs. This is so-called ~~cosine~~ biquadratic law cosine-to-the-fourth or lens aperture ~~contact vignetting~~, that is the phenomenon to decrease the receiving light quantity as the incident angle increases.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 6-18 as follows:

To achieve the above-mentioned object, ~~the present invention provides~~ an optical gain correction filter is provided, which has a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a plurality of thin films with different ~~diffractive indexes~~ refractive indices on a light transmitting board, wherein when a light with the wavelength  $\lambda$  enters at the incident angle  $\theta$ , the transmissivity is assumed to be  $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$  ( $0 \leq T_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$ ), and the thickness of each thin film is set to increase the transmissivity  $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$  when the incident angle  $\theta$  increases close to the predetermined maximum incident angle  $\theta_{\max}$  with respect to the incident light with the wavelength  $\lambda_0$  entering the multilayer structure.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 2-14 as follows:

~~Further, the present invention provides~~ In addition, an optical gain correction filter is provided, which has a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a plurality of thin films with different ~~diffraction indexes~~ refractive indices on a light ~~emitting~~ reflecting board, wherein when light with the wavelength  $\lambda$  enters at the incident angle  $\theta$ , the reflectivity is assumed to be  $R_1(\lambda, \theta)$  ( $0 \leq R_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$ ), and the thickness of each thin film of the multilayer film structure is set to increase the reflectivity  $R_1(\lambda_0, \theta)$  when the incident angle  $\theta$  increases close to the predetermined maximum incident angle  $\theta_{\max}$  with respect to the incident light with the wavelength  $\lambda_0$  entering the multilayer structure.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 22, lines 10-21 as follows:

The optical gain correction filter 20 is formed to be a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a plurality of thin films with different ~~diffraction indexes~~ refractive indices on the reflection surface (board) of the reflector mirror 11, and the thickness of each thin film is set to increase the reflectivity  $R_1(\lambda_0, \theta)$  when the incident angle  $\theta$  increases close to the predetermined maximum incident angle  $\theta_{max}$  with respect to the incident light with the wavelength  $\lambda_0$ , assuming that the reflectivity is  $R_1(\lambda_0, \theta)$  ( $0 \leq R_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$ ) when the light with the wavelength  $\lambda$  enters at the incident angle  $\theta$ .

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Please amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 16-26 as follows:

The dielectric multilayer film in the first embodiment is  $\text{SiO}_2$  or  $\text{TiO}_2$ , but is not restricted to these materials. So-called high ~~diffraction~~ refractive index materials, for example,  $\text{CeO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$ ,  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{ZnS}$  can be used instead of  $\text{TiO}_2$ . So-called low refractive index materials, for example,  $\text{MgF}_2$  can be used instead of  $\text{SiO}_2$ . It is also possible to use intermediate refractive index materials such as  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}$ . It is also possible to optimize the ~~diffraction~~ refractive index by using a material which includes at least one of the above materials.